GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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COUNTER TRADE DEAL FOR PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Malaysia has offered a Rail Project for Palm Oil in a Counter-Trade deal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any official counter-trade deal from Malaysia;

(d) whether the Government have examined this offer; and

(e) if so, the view of the Government of this counter-trade deal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Ircon International Ltd., a public sector company, under Ministry of Railwayis executing Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Rail Link Project in Malaysia for a value of US$121 million. The project consists of building a railway line for 30 Kms to link the port of Tanjung Pelepas. The payment to Ircon International Ltd is by way of counter-trade in palmoil products. Government of India is not involved in this counter-trade and it is entirely a commercial deal between Ircon International Ltd and Government of Malaysia.

(c), (d) & (e) : Ircon International Ltd has offered its services for double tracking and electrification of Ipoh-Padang-Besar Main Line of KTMB (Malaysian Railways) estimated to cost around US$ 1.8 billionIrcon International Limited has again offered counter-trade of palm oil products on commercial terms. The project is yet to be negotiated. The Government of India would not be involved in the counter-trade.